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### JIMMY CARTER'S NUCLEAR PROPOSALS

ANNCR: IN AN ELECTION YEAR WHEN FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES APPEAR TO BE PLAYING AN IMPORTANT ROLE, DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE JIMMY CARTER HAS BEEN ACCUSED OF VAGUENESS ON THESE ISSUES. ON THURSDAY, HOWEVER, MR. CARTER APPEARED AT THE UNITED NATIONS BEFORE A PRIVATELY-SPONSORED CONFERENCE ON NUCLEAR ENERGY AND WORLD ORDER. THERE HE MADE A DECISIVE THOUGH LIMITED ENTRY INTO THE FOREIGN POLICY DEBATE. VOA NEWS ANALYST RONALD J. DUNLAVEY DISCUSSES HIS SPEECH:

VOICE: OF ALL THE FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES THAT HAVE COME UP DURING THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN, AMERICA'S POSITION ON NUCLEAR AFFAIRS HAS BEEN A RELATIVELY IGNORED SUBJECT. THE LEADING DEMOCRATIC ASPIRANT, JIMMY CARTER, BROUGHT IT AT LEAST TEMPORARILY TO THE FOREFRONT THURSDAY WITH A SERIES OF PROPOSALS ON THE USE AND CONTROL OF NUCLEAR POWER---PROPOSALS WHICH TO SOME EXTENT AT LEAST, CHALLENGED THE POLICIES BEING FOLLOWED BY THE FORD ADMINISTRATION.

MR. CARTER---WHO HAS A BACKGROUND IN NUCLEAR ENGINEERING --- CALLED FOR A SOVIET-AMERICAN AGREEMENT TO HALT ALL NUCLEAR TESTING ---EVEN FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES---FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE LATEST SOVIET-AMERICAN AGREEMENT, WHICH WAS INITIALLED THIS WEEK, IS---IN HIS WORDS---"TOTALLY INADEQUATE." HE CALLED FOR A WORLD ENERGY CONFERENCE, UNDER UNITED NATIONS AUSPICES, WHICH WOULD BE FAR BROADER THAN PAST OR PRESENT CONFERENCES. ALTHOUGH NOT OPPOSING THE SALE OF REACTORS THEMSELVES, MR. CARTER PROPOSED A WORLD-WIDE VOLUNTARY MORATORIUM ON BOTH THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF NUCLEAR FUEL AND REPROCESSING PLANTS. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE NUCLEAR FUEL DISTRIBUTED

THROUGH WHAT HE CALLED "CENTRALIZED MULTINATIONAL ENRICHMENT FACILITIES." AND AS FAR AS THE UNITED STATES ITSELF IS CONCERNED, MR. CARTER STRESSED THE NEED FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES, FOR A SHIFT FROM OIL TO COAL, AND FOR THE EXPLOITATION OF SOLAR ENERGY POSSIBILITIES.

MOST OBSERVERS WILL PROBABLY COMMEND MR. CARTER ADDING THIS ITEM TO THE GROWING LIST OF FOREIGN POLICY ITEMS UNDER DEBATE; IT IS, AFTER ALL, AN IMPORTANT SUBJECT. AS FOR HIS SPECIFIC PROPOSALS, THEY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE COMPARED WITH PRESENT AMERICAN POLICY. IN MOST CASES THEY WILL PROBABLY NOT BE FOUND TO BE RADICALLY DIFFERENT. FOR EXAMPLE, THE UNITED STATES IS ALREADY ON RECORD AS OPPOSING THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF NUCLEAR REPROCESSING PLANTS. AND SECRETARY KISSINGER PROPOSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MULTINATIONAL REGIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CENTERS IN A SPEECH TO THE U.N. LAST SEPTEMBER. MR. CARTER'S CALL FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONFERENCE WHICH WOULD INCLUDE ALL COUNTRIES---INCLUDING COMMUNIST CHINA AND THE SOVIET UNION---MAY RAISE THE QUESTION WHETHER SUCH A CONFERENCE WOULD BE FEASIBLE, OR WHETHER IT MIGHT DEGENERATE INTO POLITICAL SQUABBLING. AS FOR HIS DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW SOVIET-AMERICAN TEST-BAN AGREEMENT AS "TOTALLY INADEQUATE," SUPPORTERS OF THE TREATY HAVE ALREADY POINTED OUT THAT IT REPRESENTS THE MAXIMUM CONCESSIONS THE SOVIET UNION IS WILLING TO MAKE AT THE PRESENT TIME, AND THAT IT CONTAINS VERIFICATION PROCEDURES WHICH REPRESENT A BREAKTHROUGH IN TEST-BAN NEGOTIATIONS.

THE USE AND CONTROL OF NUCLEAR POWER IS, OF COURSE, AN ISSUE WITH BOTH DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN IMPLICATIONS, AND BY DEALING WITH IT IN SOME DETAIL MR. CARTER HAS TAKEN A

DECISIVE STEP TO COUNTER THE CHARGE OF VAGUENESS. AT THE SAME TIME, AS HIS CRITICS HAVE ALREADY POINTED OUT, THERE ARE OTHER ISSUES--- INCLUDING THOSE OF FOREIGN POLICY---TO WHICH HE HAS YET TO ADDRESS HIMSELF IN SIMILAR DETAIL. ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORTS, SOURCES CLOSE TO MR. CARTER HAVE INDICATED THAT SPEECHES ON OTHER FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS WILL FOLLOW. THEY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE LISTENED TO WITH INTEREST BY AN ELECTORATE WHICH IS, INCREASINGLY, CALLING FOR A DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RATHER THAN A MERE CONTEST OF PERSONALITIES.